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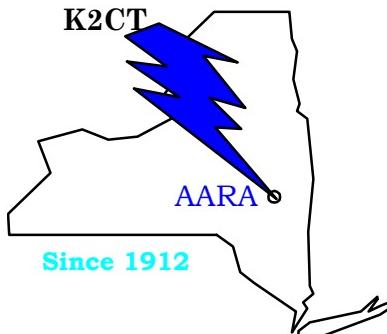
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AARA

Meets at the
Colonie Community Center
1653 Central Ave. Colonie

Friday June 13

Social Hour 6:55 PM
Meeting 7:45 PM
Refreshments
soda, diet soda, coffee

K2CT Repeater

Talk-in repeater
145.19 (-) MHz
pl tone 100.0hz

or

444.30 (+) w/pl tone 100.0hz

JUNE Meeting

discussing our final plans for
Field Day June 28-29
At: Thatcher State Park
Out Route 85 to Route 157
In the Hailes Cave pavilion
Map at www.qsl.net/k2ct
Click meetings and locations

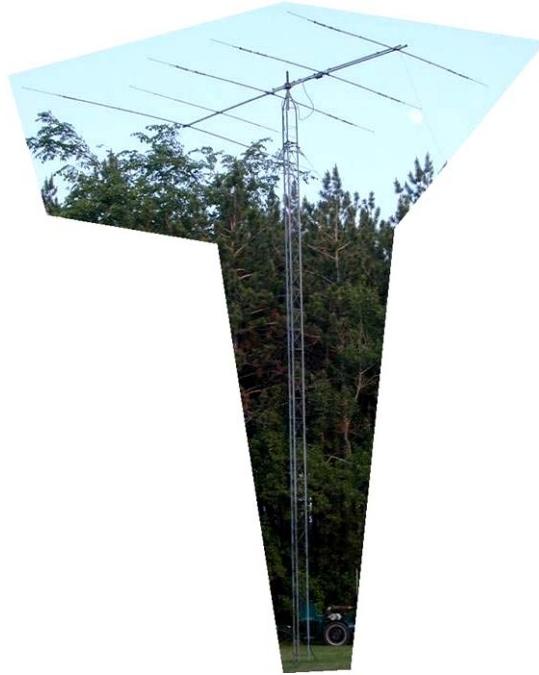
AARA Dues

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B-PLUS available at the K2CT Web
page in .pdf format www.qsl.net/k2ct
OR \$20 for first class mailing of
the newsletter Checks should be made out
to AARA and sent to: Saul Abrams, K2XA,
307 Maple Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159

2003 ARRL DX CONTEST -- CW RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	COUNTRIES	CLAIMED SCORE
N1EU	SO (A)	2657	488	3,889,848
K2XA	SO (A)	2304	474	3,276,288
W2GDJ	SO (A)	1713	411	2,112,129
WE2F	SO (A)	--	-	2,100,000
K2ONP	SO (A)	1609	350	1,668,450
N2LBR				
(+WA1KKM)	M/S	1129	308	1,043,196
N1JP	SO (A)	874	338	886,236
K2XF	SO (A)	599	294	527,436
WK2H	SO (A)	511	196	300,468
K2BX	SO (A)	388	228	265,392
K2EP	SO (A)	392	220	258,720
TOTAL FOR ARRL DX CW:				16,328,181



2003 ARRL DX CONTEST -- PHONE RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	COUNTRIES	CLAIMED SCORE
K2XA	SO (A)	2235	506	3,392,730
W2GDJ	SO (A)	1780	389	2,077,260
WE2F	SO (A)	1665	382	1,908,090
N1EU	SO (A)	1226	444	1,633,032
K2ONP	SO (A)	1216	373	1,355,109
K2BX	SO (A)	858	330	849,420
N1JP	SO (A)	759	284	646,668
K2XF	SO (A)	718	291	626,814
K2EP	SO (A)	518	221	343,434
WA1KKM	SO	428	186	238,824
WF2B	SO (A)	280	138	115,920
TOTAL FOR ARRL DX PHONE:				13,187,301

GRAND TOTAL FOR 2003 ARRL DX (BOTH MODES) : 29,515,482

73, Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

Public Service:

AARA WE Need YOU to Volunteer AARA

Sunday June 8th: Breuggers Bagel Run—Albany JCC

Sat. & Sun. July 19th & 20th: MS Bike Tour—Saratoga area

Sunday July 20th: HMRRRC Trail Run—Thatcher Park

Sunday October 19th: HMRRRC Mohawk-Hudson River Marathon—Schenectady to Albany

Thurs. & Fri. Oct. 30th & 31st: Pumpkin Patro

Contact John, WE2F 283-4304

TECH CLASS this FALL

I'm writing to find out from you whether you are interested in a course leading to an entry-level amateur-radio license (the Technician-class license).

Before I proceed to arrange things, I have to find out whether there is sufficient interest. If offered, the course would be taught by a team of experienced radio operators, most of whom have experience as instructors.

The course would most likely be held in a classroom located in the Town of Colonie Community Center (1653 Central Ave.) or in Niskayuna High School (1626 Balltown Rd). Please give me a call Bob Raffaele, W2XM 459-8435

ATVET 2003

Albany Troy Volunteer Exam Team

ATVET CONTACT: Nels Williams wb2sbo@aol.com or 518-439-7357

ATVET LIAISON: Gerald Murray, atvet@n2ty.org or 518-482-8700

July 23, 2003 (Wed.) 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM (doors open 6:20 PM)

October 11, 2003 (Sat.) 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (doors open 9:20 AM)

November 8, 2003 (Sat.) 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (doors open 9:20 AM)

Each candidate should bring:

- a. Social Security Number (required for CORES registration, ULS registration, and FCC Form 605 (application))
- b. A picture ID and non-picture ID
- c. Original and photocopy of any amateur licenses
- d. Original and photocopy of any CSCE documents
- e. Pens and Pencils
- f. Calculator
- g. \$12.00 exam fee (cash, check, or money order payable to ARRL/VEC)\

SPECTRUM PROTECTION ACT - HR 713 - GETS A BOOSTHudson Division Beacon 5/03

The chairman of the Senate Communications Subcommittee, Montana Republican Conrad Burns, has signed on as a cosponsor of S 537, the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act. The commitment by Burns, the expected architect of the Senate's spectrum management legislation, indicates that the measure--an ARRL initiative on its third attempt in Congress--now has his attention. Burns' cosponsorship also could convince others to follow suit. (It may also indicate the bill may become a rider to Burns' other legislation.) See <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/04/04/4/?nc=1> for details

"Actually, this is the best opportunity that we've ever had to get this bill through, because more members of Congress than ever before are paying attention to ham radio now," said Haynie, who's been in Washington this week to speak about Amateur Radio issues with lawmakers and regulators. In addition, Haynie pointed out, the House and Senate will be considering major spectrum reform bills, and the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act could serve as an amendment to that sort of legislation.

HR 713 and S 537 are aimed at ensuring the availability of spectrum to Amateur Radio operators. The legislation would protect existing Amateur Radio spectrum against reallocations to or sharing with other services

unless the FCC provides "equivalent replacement spectrum" elsewhere. Bilirakis and Crapo, both Republicans, have twice before sponsored similar legislation at the League's recommendation.

"The League is doing all it can, but we know the success or failure will be in the hands of the amateur community," said Haynie, who pledged the ARRL's continuing efforts in Washington to get the bill enacted. "Letters and e-mails are the key to getting legislation passed."

A sample letter is available on the ARRL Web site. Those writing their lawmakers are asked to copy their correspondence to the League via e-mail at specbill03@arrl.org.

The measures would amend the Communications Act to require the FCC to provide "equivalent replacement spectrum" to Amateur Radio and the Amateur-Satellite Service in the event of a reallocation of primary amateur allocations, any reduction in secondary amateur allocations, or "additional allocations within such bands that would substantially reduce the utility thereof" to amateurs.

The text of HR 713 and S 537 is available via the Thomas Web site.

FIELD DAY JUNE 28-29
THATCHER PARK HAILES CAVE PAVILLION

Dave Watrous, WD2K SK

It is with deep sadness that I inform you of the recent passing of our dear friend Dave Watrous, WD2K, of Columbia County, NY. In addition to his amateur radio activities in Columbia County, Dave was an excellent volunteer examiner, in that he assisted in giving amateur radio exams to local prospective amateur radio operators, as well as giving upgrade exams to local amateur radio operators. He was, indeed, a true mentor, in every sense of the word. He, Dave, brought dignity to the hobby of amateur radio.

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the Watrous family. Frank R. Casey, WB2HKU, Deputy Radio Officer, Albany County RACES

HELP CLEAN UP THE TEN METER BAND

Hudson Division Beacon May 2003

Riley Hollingsworth has requested the assistance of the ARRL Amateur Auxiliary/Official Observers in stepped-up monitoring and reporting of interference from unlicensed domestic operation on 10 meters. He specifically asks for reports of interference from "business entities including trucking companies, truckers or other individuals."

Riley requests special attention to this problem for the next 6 months (May - October). He indicates that the FCC will use the information to identify the areas where such operation is most prevalent and work with FCC regional offices on enforcement.

Even if you're not an OO, you can help out in this effort. Reports can be sent to Chuck Skolaut/K0BOG (k0bog@arrl.org) and should include as much detail as possible. Chuck will organize the data collected and send it to the FCC.

Chuck suggests the following: date, time, frequency, and mode type (SSB, AM, etc) and then listen for distinguishing operating characteristics such as language used (English, Spanish and some use echo boxes), possible identifying references to location and if mobile, such as truckers, possible schedule and highway routes and truckline names and handles(names).

Upcoming Events

<u>ANARTS WW RTTY Contest 0000Z,</u>	Jun 14 - 2400Z,
Jun 15	
<u>ARRL June VHF QSO Party 1800Z,</u>	Jun 14 - 0300Z,
Jun 16	
<u>Kid's Day Contest 1800Z - 2400Z,</u>	Jun 21
<u>All Asian DX Contest, CW 0000Z,</u>	Jun 21 - 2400Z,
Jun 22	
<u>Marconi Memorial HF Contest 1400Z,</u>	Jun 28 - 1400Z,
Jun 29	

ARRL Field Day 1800Z, Jun 28 - 2100Z, Jun 29

SWAP SHOP

Send items to B-Plus editor, Mike, WD2AJS at wd2ajs@arrl.net or call 489-3110

Wanted: Vibroplex bugs contact Lee, W2FYA 436-1296

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